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1 — US, Mexico reach deal to conserve Colorado River water, ABC, 9/27/17

http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStorv/us-mexico-reach-deal-conserve-colorado-river-water-50141722

The United States and Mexico unveiled an agreement Wednesday to preserve the overtaxed Colorado River, including spending millions of dollars on conservation and environmental projects and drawing up plans to deal with any shortages amid drought and climate change.

2 — Lawsuit says Army Corps should compensate homeowners for flooding their property with reservoir pools, Houston Chronicle, 9/27/17

http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Lawsuit-says-Army-Corps-should-compensate-12235977.php

Government officials knew for years that water impounded behind Addicks and Barker dams would flood thousands of suburban homes during an extreme storm - and yet did nothing to warn or compensate property owners, according to a civil lawsuit that seeks monetary damages for affected homeowners.

3 — Documents detail concerns about Houston dams — before Harvey, Texas Tribune, 9/28/17

https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/28/could-houstons-dams-have-failed-during-harvey/

Just how worried is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about a possible failure of the Addicks and Barker dams? And how worried should Houston be?

4 — Why is Louisiana's coast shrinking so quickly?, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/28/17

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/why_is_the_louisiana_coast_shr.html#incart_river_index As this video documents, there are many causes of land loss along Louisiana's coast, starting with the construction of levees along the Mississippi River that block the historic dispersal of sediment carried by the river during spring floods into open water and wetlands.

5 — More Mississippi River sediment will mean more problems for Louisiana shrimpers: study, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/28/17

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/more_river_sediment_will_mean.html#incart_river_index Louisiana's quintessential shrimper - the independent, weather-beaten man with a small boat that's seen better days - may be the hardest hit by two sediment diversions planned on the Mississippi River.

6 — Air Force aids local authorities with Hurricane Harvey mosquito control, Houston Chronicle, 9/27/17 http://www.chron.com/news/politics/texas/article/Air-Force-aids-with-Hurricane-Harvey-mosquito-12232931.php

One of the United States Air Force's most recent missions took place over the skies of Texas, battling the smallest of airborne invaders: mosquitoes.

7 — Listen: What's zoning got to do with it?, Houston Chronicle, 9/27/17

http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/real-estate/looped-in/article/Hurricane-Harvey-Looped-In-podcast-Houston-real-12232903.php

Before Hurricane Harvey's flood waters could even recede, the national media was reporting on Houston's lack of zoning and how it played a role in the floods. Local law professor, land use expert and repeat Looped In guest Matt Festa explains how that's a distorted argument.

8 — When polluting is in a company's rational self-interest, Houston Chronicle, 9/27/17

http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/texanomics/article/When-polluting-is-in-a-company-s-rational-12232286.php

This week, Harris County announced its intention to sue the French multinational chemical producer Arkema after volatile organic compounds exploded at its flooded plant in Crosby following Hurricane Harvey. The

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explosion sickened first responders with toxic fumes and exposed the surrounding area to untold amounts of contamination.

9 — Slideshow: For southeast Texas, recovery after Harvey is slow, Texas Tribune, 9/27/17 https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/27/slideshow-southeast-texas-recovery-after-harvey-slow/ (photo series)

10 — Trade dispute could turn solar boom into a bust, Albuquerque Journal, 9/27/17

https://www.abqjournal.com/1070045/trade-dispute-could-turn-solar-boom-into-a-bust-excerpt-hundreds-of-local-jobs-and-tens-of-thousands-nationally-are-at-stake.html

Solar industry leaders in New Mexico and nationally are anxiously awaiting a federal decision about imposing tariffs and price floors on imported solar cells and panels, which the national Solar Energy Industry Association says could potentially throw 88,000 U.S. employees out of work.

11 — Oka' Institute sustainability conference set for Oct. 10-11, Ada (OK) News, 9/28/17

 $\underline{http://www.theadanews.com/news/local_news/oka-institute-sustainability-conference-set-for-oct/article_b95b91c6-f0d6-55c1-8d19-67f0cf929945.html$

The Chickasaw Business and Conference Center on East Central University's campus will be the setting for the 2017 Oka' Institute Sustainability Conference, Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 10-11.

12 — Tyson Settles Legal Battle with EPA, KNWA, 9/26/17

http://www.nwahomepage.com/news/tyson-settles-legal-battle-with-epa/819882612

Tyson Foods has settled a legal battle with the EPA over water pollution issues in Missouri. The Springdale-based food processing giant will pay \$2.5 million in fines and restitutions. The lawsuit was filed after Tyson killed around 100,000 fish in a Missouri creek. The company also admitted to two violations of the Clean Water Act.

13 — \$300M chicken plant set for Northwest Arkansas, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 9/28/17

http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/sep/28/chicken-plant-set-for-near-gentry-20170/

Simmons Prepared Foods said Wednesday that it plans to expand its operations in Northwest Arkansas, spending \$300 million on a high-tech chicken plant that will create 1,500 jobs.